

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities whose citizens and civic leaders band together to celebrate notable, historic occasions; and

Whereas, the City of Malden, Missouri, was incorporated as a political subdivision through a Dunklin County Commission resolution on April 22, 1878, an event which is being heralded in the year 2003 as the town's official founding; and

Whereas, now that the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Malden's establishment has arrived, townspeople and elected officials alike are gathering to celebrate their town's heritage through a variety of resplendent venues; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, the Chamber of Commerce held a public birthday party at the Malden Elementary School gymnasium which was attended by two hundred people who enjoyed the red, white, and blue decorations, joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, sang the National Anthem and "America" in partnership with the High School Choir under the direction of Brenda Pinkley and Jeremy Sterling, recognized Malden school alumni during the singing of "Alma Mater", and listened attentively as Robin Shelton's fourth-grade class sang "Happy Birthday" to the city and local historian Ron Phelps gave a brief recounting of the town's history; and

Whereas, one of the highlights of the "birthday bash" was the release of one hundred twenty-five balloons by students who hope to win a commemorative t-shirt if their balloon travels the farthest with their name, address, and email information attached; and

Whereas, additional commemorative events are scheduled for Homecoming, July 1 to July 6, 2003, when a time capsule will be installed near the Statue of Liberty replica on Dowling Boulevard to replace the unprotected, mostly-destroyed contents placed in the statue's base in 1950:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the arrival of the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the City of Malden in the idyllic Missouri Bootheel and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for superb celebratory observances; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the people, institutions, and history of Malden, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Otto Bean, Jr.
District No. 163

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2447, adopted May 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker